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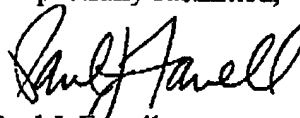
Claims 1-30 are currently pending in the present application. In the Office Action, the Examiner has now rejected Claims 1, 2, 11, 13-15 and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chen (U.S. Patent 6,694,570). Additionally, it is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner now finds allowable subject matter in Claims 3-10, 12, 16-20 and 24-30.

Please cancel Claims 12, 16 and 25 without prejudice. Please amend Claims 1, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 26 and 27 as set forth herein. Claims 1, 15 and 21 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claims 12, 16 and 25, respectively. No new matter has been added.

Independent Claims 1, 15 and 21 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-11, 13, 14, 16-20, 22-24 and 26-30, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-11, 13, 14, 16-20, 22-24 and 26-30 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-11, 13-15, 17-24 and 26-30, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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